



# **Hillhead of Auquhirie Wind Farm Community Fund**

**REPORT  
2022**



Fern Community Fund is the energy company for the Hillhead of Auquhirie Wind Farm, and the Community Fund which will see £12,420 per year (index linked) available to support local community projects during the 25-year lifetime of the wind farm. The fund is administered by Kincardineshire Development Partnership (KDP) and managed by a decision-making panel made up of elected representatives from the local Community Councils in the area of benefit covered by the fund. The community fund is open to applications from groups and projects which benefit the communities living in the following Community Council areas:

- Stonehaven & District
- Arbuthnott
- Catterline, Kinneff and Dunnottar
- Mearns

The total fund for 2022 was £13,239.37. This was made up of the general community fund of £12,720.57, £14.80 underspend from 2021 and a returned underspend of £504 from previous funding allocations.

The 8<sup>th</sup> round of the fund opened for applications on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 for a three-month period, closing on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

A total of 18 applications were received in this period requesting funding of £40,439.80 (see appendix 1: total funding applications received and appendix 2: number of funding applications per Community Council area).

Applications were distributed to the Decision-Making Panel members for consideration prior to the panel meeting on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022. The meeting was held virtually. Applications which met the criteria of the fund were broken down into the geographic areas. Twelve groups in total received an award.

The policy to only consider applications which met all criteria on the evening i.e. planning permission in place, quotes and accounts on the table worked well.

£13,238.48 worth of funding was agreed with £0.89 carried forward to next year.

All applicants were informed by email and letter of the outcome. Successful applicants must report back to KDP within twelve months or whenever the project is complete, whichever is soonest.

Applications were received by a wide range of community projects. The following grants were awarded:

<b>Catterline, Kinneff &amp; Dunnottar Community Council</b>	Visitor Management Signage	£749.50
<b>HomeStart Kincardine</b>	Play equipment for Fordoun Tiny Tots	£268.98
<b>Marykirk Outdoor Bowling Club</b>	Purchase of sprayer	£692.00
<b>Milltown Community</b>	Animal care, management & smallholding project	£2140.00
<b>Catterline Community Church</b>	Replacement flooring	£1390.00
<b>St Laurence FC</b>	New equipment	£1540.00
<b>Memorial Park Group</b>	Purchase of power brush	£1740.00
<b>Stonehaven Folk Club</b>	Stage equipment upgrade	£1000.00
<b>1297 Stonehaven Squadron ATC</b>	Defibrillator	£800.00
<b>Stonehaven Community Radio</b>	Soundproofing studio	£1000.00
<b>Kincardine &amp; Mearns Youth Clubs</b>	Laptops	£1358.00
<b>Stonehaven Horizon Group</b>	Design & print Poetry, Prose & Plants leaflet	£560.00

### **Points for Future Consideration**

The administration of the Hillhead of Auquhirie Wind Farm Community Fund for 2022 was reviewed by the decision-making panel.

The fund successfully attracted a good number of applicants, across all four Community Council areas of benefit. Communication with community groups and projects worked well, although it was noted that considerable administration time is spent chasing groups for missing documentation.

### **Conclusions**

It was agreed that the guidelines would be amended to remove the word 'signed' when requesting a Group's Constitution as these are not always available. It was also agreed that electronic signatures be accepted, as not all applicants have the technology to print documents to sign and then scan, prior to submission.

Other than these minor changes it was agreed to continue managing the fund as previously, as this is working successfully.

## **Financial Report**

The 2022 Financial Account for Hillhead of Auquhirie Wind Farm Community Fund can be seen in Appendix 3

*Kincardineshire Development Partnership would like to extend their thanks to the four Community Councils involved in the funding process who are represented on the Decision-Making Panel. Also, Fern Community Funds for their support throughout this process.*



## Some of the projects to benefit from the 2022 Hillhead of Auquhirie Community Fund



## Received

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Funds Requested</b>	<b>Awarded</b>
Milltown Community	£3,500.00	2140.00
Catterline Community Church	£2,000.00	1390.00
Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar CC	£749.50	749.50
HomeStart Kincardine	£268.98	268.98
Marykirk Outdoor Bowling Club	£692.00	692.00
St Laurence Football Club	£2,200.00	1540.00
Memorial Park Group	£2,500.00	1740.00
Stonehaven Folk Club	£1,653.00	1000.00
1297 Stonehaven Squadron Air Training Corps	£2,650.00	800.00
Mearns Community Radio	£1,629.32	1000.00
Kincardine & Mearns Youth Clubs	£2,037.00	1358.00
Horizon Group	£805.00	560.00
Marykirk Parent & Carer Council	£5,919.00	0.00
Auchenblae Pre School Group	£5,340.00	0.00
Friends of Stonehaven Outdoor Swimming Pool	£2,515.00	0.00
Stonehaven Town Partnership	£1,176.00	0.00
Mother Makers Stonehaven	£1,775.00	0.00
Panthers Basketball Club	£3,030.00	0.00

**Appendix 2: Hillhead of Auquhirie 2021 Applications Considered for Funding, per Community Council Area**

Community Council	Electorate figures in the Area of Benefit *	No of Applications	Value of Applications
Stonehaven & District	9100	9	£17,270.32
Catterline, Kinneff and Dunnottar	968	2	£2,749.50
Arbuthnott	274	1	£3,500.00
Mearns	6473	6	£16,919.98
<b>Total</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>£40,439.80</b>

\* These figures have been taken from Aberdeenshire Council's Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils, adopted in January 2022.

## Appendix 3 – Annual Accounts

### Account 12485264 - Hillhead of Auquhirie Windfarm Community Fund

1st January - 31st December 2022

	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Total
<b>Income</b>													
Balance b/f	13,239.37												13,239.37
Annual Payment							13,038.58						13,038.58
Underspend Repayment													0.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>13,239.37</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>13,038.58</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>26,277.95</b>
<b>Grants Awarded</b>													
Milltown Community								2,140.00					2,140.00
Catterline Community Church								1,390.00					1,390.00
Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar CC								749.50					749.50
HomeStart Kincardine								268.98					268.98
Marykirk Outdoor Bowling Club								692.00					692.00
St Laurence Football Club								1,540.00					1,540.00
Memorial Park Group								1,740.00					1,740.00
Stonehaven Folk Club								1,000.00					1,000.00
1297 Stonehaven Squadron Air Cadets								800.00					800.00
Mearns Community Radio								1,000.00					1,000.00
Kincardine & Mearns Youth Clubs								1,358.00					1,358.00
Stonehaven Horizon Group								560.00					560.00
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>13,238.48</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>13,238.48</b>
<b>Balance C/F</b>	<b>13,239.37</b>	<b>13,239.37</b>	<b>13,239.37</b>	<b>13,239.37</b>	<b>13,239.37</b>	<b>13,239.37</b>	<b>26,277.95</b>	<b>13,039.47</b>	<b>13,039.47</b>	<b>13,039.47</b>	<b>13,039.47</b>	<b>13,039.47</b>	<b>13,039.47</b>